

THE WEATHER

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FRANCE RUSHES AID

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The reports stated that occupation of Sebastopol by the Soviet forces was imminent. The dispatches said that the Reds pierced Wrangler's front in the Perekop sector on Thursday. Later information received by the foreign office said that Wrangler was preparing to flee from the peninsula with as much of his army as he can find ships for.

Rush of Victorious Reds. Meantime the victorious Reds were said to be pouring into the peninsula rapidly through the break in the Perekop defense line on the isthmus, which they outflanked by crossing the frozen Sea of Azov to the rear of the Wranglers.

Wrangler's troops were reported to be losing their grip on town after town, fighting desperately to prevent further flanking movements with consequent large scale captures.

The French foreign office received a delayed message stating the anti-Bolshevik leader was preparing to remove the civilian population at once.

"Position Precarious." "Baron Wrangler's position is increasingly precarious," the foreign office stated. "The Bolsheviks have captured Usak and great quantities of war materials. Balakovich have jointly launched an offensive against the Bolsheviks on a wide front in Ukraine. The latter already has occupied the entire Mosy district."

A wireless communique from Moscow stated: "Wrangler's fate is the same as that of Kolchak, Denikin and Yudenich. A proclamation from him transferring his powers to the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, now inognito in Sebastopol, is imminent."

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Commercial messages from it will be received at the Arlington Naval Radio Station and transmitted to their destination in the United States.

While considerable official matter such as reports from the league of nations meeting will be transmitted, the capacity of the station is so great, it was stated here last night, that ample room will be left for other business, including press dispatches.

President-Elect Remains Indoors, Dictating on His Speech.

POINT ISABEL, Tex., Nov. 13.—Marooned by one of the worst storms that ever beat against the bleak promontory on which this little fishing village is located, President-elect Harding today remained inside his cottage.

He called in a stenographer and spent the day answering mail, and dictating on his New Orleans speech to be delivered next Thursday, just before sailing for Panama.

Senator Harding woke this morning with the stinging "Norther" lashing the waters of Laguna Madre. White-capped breakers beat all day against the cliff upon which the Senator's cottage sits.

Fishermen tied their small boats and watched the storm from the shelter of the wooden frame, fish houses. Tarpon fishing was impossible. Plans had been made by the Senator to golf in Brownsville.

His only exercise today was a short walk from the cottage to the hotel and back.

Mrs. Harding remained indoors again today. She has been getting greatly needed rest here and appears much refreshed.

Although political affairs have been studiously avoided by Senator Harding, it is possible that the Mexican situation in which Senator Fall's arrival has been deeply interested, may be discussed in an informal and unofficial way.

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Washington consumers will pay at least \$17.75 a ton for anthracite coal this winter according to information just received by the special committee to investigate the District fuel situation appointed by President W. B. Westlake of the Federation of Citizens' Associations, it was stated yesterday.

Washington dealers are at a loss in keeping down prices as the consumer, according to Jesse Suter, chairman of the committee, being forced to buy in the open market at almost prohibitive prices or refuse to supply their customers.

At the same time the government fuel yards of the Bureau of Mines, according to a statement issued yesterday, have during the last month, made it possible to purchase bituminous coal for government use at \$9.60. For the same coal the private consumer has been paying around \$10.

Advantage to Fuel Yards. That the government fuel yards enjoy a distinct advantage is illustrated by the fact that the War Department, during the same period, was forced to pay \$12.25 per gross ton at the mines. This coal was for delivery to army posts throughout the East and freight and other expenses added to the first cost would eventually make the total cost far in excess of that paid by the Bureau of Mines.

The statement of the Bureau of Mines, George S. Pope, chief engineer of the bureau, declares that the advantageous price was secured through the courtesy of the National Coal Association, which has been working for the past several years to bring about a better understanding of the actual working of the Government Fuel Yards which were inaugurated about two years ago.

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Loss to Local Dealers. Local dealers, according to Suter, have lost, rather than gained by the installation of the Government Fuel Yards, since before their establishment they were able to supply the Government with coal delivered to the yards at a price of \$10.00 per gross ton, while they were forced to buy in the open market, and the consumer pays more in the end.

Cause of Upward Trend. An analysis, gleaned from information from various sources shows that the present upward trend of the price of coal is due in large extent to the practice of operators to place their coal on the open market, ignoring contracts and allowing bidding for it, selling to the highest bidder, and thus raising the price of coal at the mines.

Miners and operators are reported as showing preference to the cities and towns of the Western and Northwestern States, coal deliveries. This is excused and justified by them in a statement that Washington and other cities nearer the mines could be supplied with coal on short notice.

The present average work of coal miners is two days a week. This, according to one local dealer, has caused this year's production of coal to fall behind at least 6,000,000 tons the last strike costing three weeks, came when cities and towns were laying in their winter supply. Another reason given is the demoralization of railroad equipment and facilities by government ownership, the strikes of the switchmen and other railroad employees.

Admiral Ordered to Probe French Execution of Yank

The State Department has cabled Rear Admiral Mark Bristol, United States Commissioner at Constantinople, to make inquiry into the alleged summary execution of Capt. John Shishmanian, in command of the Armenian Relief Legion, by a French officer at Adana, Armenia. The Consular Bureau will also investigate the matter.

Shishmanian's friends in this country assert that he is an American citizen and was at one time a member of the Kentucky National Guard. His last residence in the United States is said to have been Fresno, Cal.

Adana is near the border of Armenia and Syria. State Department officials at a loss to understand why France should execute an officer defending Armenia against the Turks.

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